GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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FIRST PHASE OF NELP
JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the results of the first phase of the new Oil Exploration Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, sir. Under the first round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), the Government has signed contracts with various companies/consortiums in respect of 24 blocks for exploration of oil and gas. Out of the total committed Minimum Work Programme for phase I for these 24 blocks, around 60% of 2 D Seismic data and 30% of 3D Seismic data has been acquired. Further, out of 20 wells proposed, two wells have been drilled in Krishna Godavari offshore and gas has been struck in one well. This discovery has been named as `Annapurna`.